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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAIPEI'S ASSESSMENT OF ROC-INDONESIAN RELATIONS IN PARA 6F REFTEL. IN ADDITION TO RELATIONSHIPS LISTED REFTEL, WE NOTE THAT INDONESIA-TAIWAN TRADE REACHED US \$246 MILLION IN 1973, ALMOST DOUBLE THE AMOUNT IN 1972, AND CONTINUES TO GROW. GOI HAS PRIVATELY COUNSELLED ITS ASEAN NEIGHBORS TO GO SLOW IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRC, AND HAS QUIETLY SUPPORTED ROC CAUSE IN ISSUES SUCH AS PARTICIPATION IN IMF AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH RELATIONS WITH PRC SUSPENDED IN 1965, NEVER-CONFIDENTIAL

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THELESS GOI CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE PRC AND HAS ANNOUNCED

IT WILL RESUME NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PEKING WHEN LOYALTIES
OF LOCAL CHINESE TO INDONESIA ARE ASSURED. WE HAVE INDI-

CATIONS SERIOUS THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO EVENTUAL RESUMPTION,

PERHAPS NEXT YEAR. RELATIONS WITH ROC WILL CONTINUE
THEREFORE TO BE DISCREET AND LOW KEY AND INDONESIA WILL
REMAIN ALOOF FROM OR ON FENCE ON MOST IMPORTANT PRC-ROC
ISSUES.

3. WE SUSPECT ALSO THAT GROC BELIEF NOTED IN REFTEL THAT
FONMIN MALIK IS ESPECIALLY SYMPATHETIC SUPPORTER OF ROC
MAY BE EXAGGERATED. MALIK HAS LONG MADE A VIRTUE
OUT OF TELLING PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR, AND GROC
PROBABLY PLACING UNDUE FAITH IN HIS PRIVATE EXPRESSIONS
OF SUPPORT. INDEED, EMBASSY HAS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT
MALIK HAS BEEN AT TIMES ADVOCATE WITHIN GOI OF MORE RAPID
MOVEMENT TOWARD RAPPROCHMENT WITH PEKING AND HAS CRITICIZED
CAUTIOUS APPROACH OF SECURITY-MINDED GOI MILITARY CHIEFS
WHO HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON CHINA POLICY.
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